90-12-Animal Control

Fund/Agency: 001/90	Police Departme	nt		
Personnel Services	\$1,578,994			
Operating Expenses	\$451,351			
Recovered Costs	\$0	CAPS Percentage of Agency Total		
Capital Equipment	\$0			
Total CAPS Cost:	\$2,030,345	1.8%		
Federal Revenue	\$0			
State Revenue	\$0			
User Fee Revenue	\$0			
Other Revenue	\$5,000			
Total Revenue:	\$5,000	98.2%		
Net CAPS Cost:	\$2,025,345			
		■ Animal Control □ All Other Agency CAPS		
Positions/SYE involved in the delivery of this CAPS	31/31			

► CAPS Summary

The Animal Control Division of the Police Department is comprised of Animal Control Officers and a Wildlife Biologist. Animal Control Officers have the primary responsibility for enforcement of the Comprehensive Animal Laws of the State of Virginia and the Animal Laws of Fairfax County. Animal Control Officers are responsible for the enforcement of animal licensing and Rabies inoculations laws. Animal Control Officers deal with domestic animal control, to humanely capture and impound animals that pose a threat to the public safety, health or wellbeing of County citizens and to assist animals that are injured, sick or in distress. Animal Control Officers are the primary persons authorized to investigate domestic animal bite cases and quarantine such animals. The Animal Control Officers are responsible for coordinating with the Fairfax County Health Department on all such cases. They are also responsible for educating the public with regard to all animal issues and ensuring for the safety of all animals located within Fairfax County. Additionally, the Animal Control Officers handle most of the wildlife/citizen interactions. In the past, this responsibility was handled by two County Game Wardens, whose positions were abolished in 1993. Wildlife incidents include the trapping, locating, euthanizing, and testing of wildlife which have come in contact with citizens and/or

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domestic animals. This includes the coordinating of all Rabies Vector incidents with the Fairfax County Health Department.

The Wildlife Biologist is responsible for the organizing, maintaining, and coordinating of the County's Deer Management and Canada Geese Programs. Additionally, the Wildlife Biologist is responsible for educating and/or coordinating the education of the public on all wildlife issues and serves as the main point of contact for the Board of Supervisors on all wildlife issues, and coordinates such activities with federal and state authorities.

▶ Method of Service Provision

Services are provided directly by County employees.

► Performance/Workload Related Data

Title	CY 1998 Actual	CY 1999 Actual	CY 2000 Actual	CY 2001 Estimate	CY 2002 Estimate
Animal Captured after bites	1,058	1,052	999	1,100	1,250
Cost per animal bite- related case	NA	\$1,470	\$1,607	\$1,511	\$1,656
Percent of bite-related complaints answered where the animal is humanely captured and quarantined.	95%	97%	97%	97%	98%

Mandate Information

This CAPS is Federally or State mandated. The percentage of this CAPS' resources utilized to satisfy the mandate is 76 - 100%. The specific Federal or State code and a brief description of the code follows:

- <u>Code of Virginia</u>, Section 3.1-796.104: Position of Animal Control Officer Created.
- Code of Virginia, Section 3.1-796.104:1: Training of Animal Control Officers.
- <u>Code of Virginia</u>, Section 3.1-796.105: Animal Control Officers and Humane Investigators; limitations; records; penalties.